

1. (Amended) Peptide corresponding to a part of the [aminoacid] amino acid sequence of a microbial protein having a conserved mammalian stress protein homologue, said part comprising a T cell epitope corresponding to a T cell epitope of
5 the mammalian homologue, wherein the overall [aminoacid] amino acid sequence identity between the microbial protein and the mammalian [homologues] homologue is at least 25%, the sequence identity between the microbial protein and the mammalian homologues of an area of at least 75 consecutive [aminoacids]
10 amino acids is at least 40%, said part [comprising] consisting of 5-30 [aminoacids] amino acids, at least 5 of which are identical with the corresponding [aminoacids] amino acids in the same relative position in a T cell epitope of said mammalian stress protein, said epitope and said part containing at least
15 4 consecutive [aminoacids] amino acids which are identical with the corresponding mammalian stress protein [aminoacids] amino acids and thereby forming said T cell epitope corresponding to a T cell epitope of the mammalian homologue.

Please add new claim 21 as follows:

--21. Peptide according to claim 1, wherein said part does not contain one or more sections of 5-30 amino acids corresponding to a T cell epitope of said microbial protein, the T cell epitope of said microbial protein having less than 4
5 consecutive amino acids which are identical with corresponding amino acids of said mammalian stress protein, such that said peptide includes a microbial T cell epitope having sufficient sequence identity with a T cell epitope of said mammalian stress